

## SOME BASEBALL BUNTS.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

There will be no end of the baseball fan until the front, coming to settle upon the humble pumpkin and to cure the hay fever, also cools his ardor and restores him sufficiently to his right mind so that he can sit down quietly and talk with his wife about laying in the winter coal and sending the children to school. The production of baseball cranks is peculiar to no one section of the country. They flourish everywhere. Whether in Maine or California, as soon as a man begins to worry over the management of the home team, and gets a responsibility firmly fixed in his mind, "he's a crank." Nothing will cure him but the end of the season and the first frost.

Baseball has a firm hold on its followers because of its variety. While innumerable chances have occurred in this country since it became the national pastime, it is safe to say that no two of these contests have been played exactly alike. There have been thousands of unexpected situations, many of them calling for instantaneous decision and quick action by the players. The ball player who can meet the crisis in a flash is said to have "a good head." Two evenly matched teams from rival towns in the Middle West were fighting a hard battle one day last fall when an odd play occurred. In the last half of the ninth inning two men were out and a man was on third. The excitement began to tell on the pitcher and he threw a wild ball, which struck wide of the plate and bounded into the netting in front of the grandstand, where it stuck, about twenty feet from the ground, the runner on third made a dash for home to score the winning run. The fans on his side stood up for a mighty yell and then sat down in sudden disgust. The opposing catcher raced after the ball the instant it passed him, tore off his mask as he ran, and, flinging it at the netting, dislodged the ball, caught it as it fell, and threw the runner out at the plate. His team won the game in the next inning, and the madly enthusiastic fans sent him home bareheaded—his cap full of money.

A somewhat similar play was reported years ago, when one of the champion Eastern teams was making a tour through the West. They had a game in one place where the grounds and surroundings were not altogether suitable for the playing of a match game. About forty feet back of first base there was a well covered by an old-fashioned suction pump. At a critical point in the game the third baseman threw low in the attempt to catch a runner at first. The ball struck the bag and bounded high into the air, coming down squarely in the jaws of the old pump and slipping down its throat. Before the runner was half way to first, the quick-witted first baseman reached the well, and grasping the handle, began to pump faster than the grand stand were on fire. The rooters yelled and hooted in ecstasy at the sight of the star first baseman winning with the old pump, but he persevered and pumped the ball up just in time to throw the runner out at the plate.

"Danny" Hoffman is said to be the only player on record to kill a horse in a baseball game. That was a feat accomplished by him in a game played at Bridgeport the year before he joined the Athletics. During the game a buggy, drawn by a faithful steed of creamy white, with occasional splashes of flea-bitten grey, was driven into the distant outfield. The driver thought himself out of the danger zone, and settled down to enjoy the game from a safe distance. Danny's team was in a halo and it was another such chance as when Casey went to bat. But Danny was not Casey that day. He smashed a vicious liner right at the old white horse. Straight as an arrow shot from a bow, the ball sped for the head of the nag, and a thirteen-inch shell would not have put its light out more effectively or speedily. The horse was buried with baseball honors, and a stone erected, on which was inscribed: "Out for being hit with a batted ball."

A queer play was pulled off this year at the Polo grounds in New York, and is said to be the only one of its kind in the history of the game. The Cincinnati Reds were the visiting team. A batter having struck out, was thrown out at first by the third baseman. The last out was really a foul tip, and struck the catcher on the shin, but the umpire did not hear it. The ball rolled in front of the plate, and thinking it a foul the catcher threw it to third, as some catchers have a habit of doing. The umpire called it a strike, third throw to first, and the batter was out. This is the first time on record that a third baseman ever got an assist on a strike out.

Triple plays by one man are almost as scarce as hen teeth. There are only a few instances where this feat has been accomplished. Napoleon LaRoche, in his book on baseball, asserts that up to 1906 there had been but two instances where one man pulled off a triple play. Paul Hines, now a clerk, doing the most prosaic work in the department of Agriculture, was the first player who ever executed a triple play. First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock, the athlete of an athletic administration, witnessed that play, and never tires of telling about it. Hines was playing center field with the Providence Grays in 1878. There was a man on second, and one on third. A batter had made a short fly that looked like a hit. Hines ran forward and caught it, and went on to second base, getting the ball before the player on second had time to recover it. Then, perceiving that the chap on third was almost at the home plate and was turning to recover third, Hines sprinted and beat his map there by a full yard. A quarter of a century elapsed before another triple play was ever made single-handed. It remained for Harvey O'Hagan to share the honor with Hines. He was playing first base with Jersey City. A line drive came his way and he landed it, and retired the man recently ensconced on first. Then he determined to tempt the fates in an effort to beat the man who had turned back to second while en route to third. Harvey was a sprinter for sure that day and he got there first. There were other men, Murch, of Manchester, N. H., Schaffey, of Portland, Oreg., and Mulholland, of Sandusky, Ohio, are accredited with triple plays.

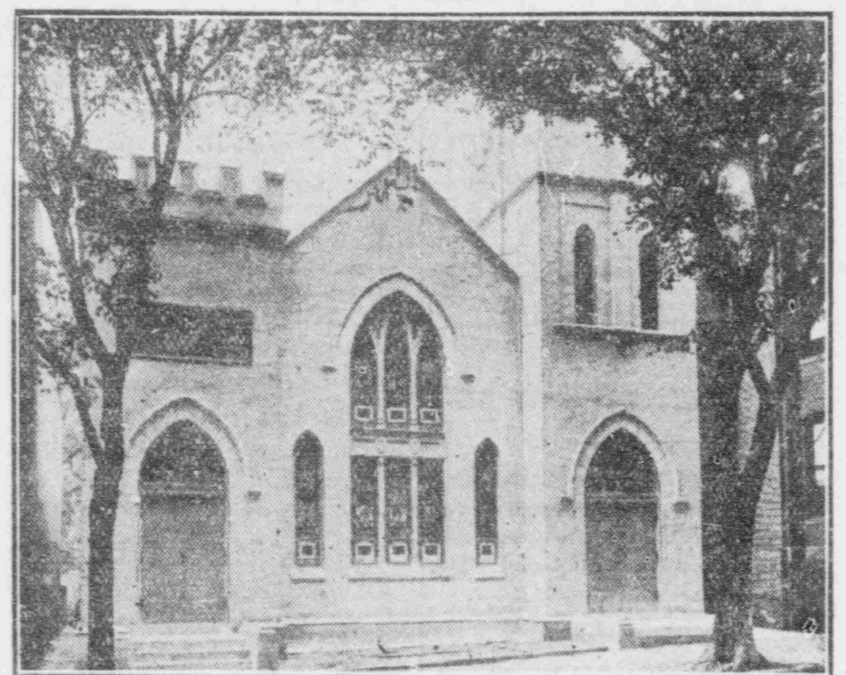
A notable game of ye olden time, as baseball history goes, was pulled off in 1877 at Manchester, N. H. The Harvard nine was playing the local club. Inning after inning was played without a run until there were twenty-four innings and still no run. In this game Catcher Jim Tyng made the unprecedented record of thirty-one put-outs and three assists. That game is still talked of around Harvard. Tyng was the first player in the baseball world to use a catcher's mask. This twenty-four-inning game was next to the longest in the history of baseball. The longest was played at Devils Lake, N. Dak., July 18, 1901, between the Grand Forks and Fargo teams. There were twenty-five innings played in that game.

without either side scoring a point. The biggest score on record is that made at Buffalo in the '60's, when the Niagaras beat the Columbias, 29 to 10.

One of the few women pitchers in this country playing with a team of men is Miss Carrie Meyer, of Allentown, Pa. She has a pretty good record as a pitcher. Last year she pitched a game against Reading, and was one of the biggest drawing cards of that section. A report of the game says that she did not rely on her speed, but that she pitched a puzzling outcurve that was too much for the other team. The opposing pitcher was a good one, and yet he was hit nine times against her seven. She played an errorless game. At the bat she brought in one run by making a timely single.

The records of baseball show but two real, genuine woman fans. One of them was Helen Dauvray, who is now Mrs. John M. Ward, her husband being a player with something of a record. The other is Mrs. Charles Wilson, of New York. Her son Buster is the mascot of the Giants, and they have missed only two games in three years at the Polo Grounds. Accompanied by her husband, who is a

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS.

Sunday, September 23, two services will be held in Washington which will, in all probability, be attended by many thousands, and will, in their historic importance and great impressiveness, take rank with the splendid service when 35,000 people heard the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Cathedral grounds.

One of these services will be that for the laying of the corner stone of Washington Cathedral. The other will be held by the International Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. For both of these services elaborate arrangements have just been completed.

The first will be the order for the laying of the foundation stone, and will be at 12 o'clock. Over sixty bishops will be present, most of them from afar. Those who are to take part in the service are to vest in the Little Sanctuary; the other bishops in St. Alban's vestry; and all other clergy in St. Alban's Church. All the choirs of the city are expected to send representatives, and these will vest in the Harriet Lane Johnston Choir School, as also will the Marine Band.

The large number of bishops and clergy taking part will necessitate a procession in columns of four, except the band, which will be in column of eight. The procession will be formed at 11:45 sharp and at 12 o'clock it will move to Mendelsohn's "Hymn of Praise." A platform has been built, on which all who are to officiate can be accommodated. The service will then proceed, as will be announced later.

In case of rain, the whole platform has been roofed over.

About fifty members of the Churchmen's League have kindly consented to act as ushers, and they will be distinguished by purple-and-white ribbon badges.

At the second service, that of the Brotherhood, the order of proceedings will be almost identical in the beginning with the earlier service, but, of course, the character of it will differ in tone. In case of rain, this service will be held in Convention Hall, corner Fifth and K streets northwest, where vestry places will be prepared. A special order of ceremonies will be issued. On this occasion the ushers will be members of the Brotherhood, and they will be distinguished by badges of red.

The visitors will begin to arrive on Tuesday, when his grace the most reverend the Archbishop of the West Indies is due at Bishop Satterlee's residence. On Friday his lordship of London is due also at Bishop Satterlee's, and some time in the week Bishops Jacob, of St. Alban, England; Montgomery, secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, London; and formerly Bishop of Tasmania, and Brent, of the Philippines.

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W. A. Cummings, the inventor of the curve in baseball pitching, is still living. He discovered the possibilities of the curve on Jarvis Field, while playing against Harvard some forty years ago. He has written to his Boston friends that he will be there home-coming week, and may pitch a curve just to show that forty years have not served to take all the curves out of his good right arm.

The movement now on foot to eliminate the spikes from baseball shoes, because so many players are hurt with them, had its counterpart in a successful movement for the elimination of the hitting of a player with a ball, some thirty years ago. When the game was young hitting the baserunner with the ball was sanctioned, and it had been in old-fashioned town ball. Many was the time that a player running bases would take the chances of being hit, and, in fact, would often try to draw the throw, realizing that the chances were many to one that he could dodge the ball. But there were men in the game who would wait until the runner got at close range, and then throw dangerously hard. After several serious injuries had occurred there came the successful movement that put an end to the rule. Considering the damage they have done, the elimination of spikes has already been postponed too long.

To-morrow—Some "ifs" in American History.

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Immediately after Sunday the bishops and most of the clerical visitors will leave Washington for Richmond, there to take part in the general convention of the Episcopal Church, where the Bishop of London will be the guest of honor.

One recently writing to this country of the Bishop of London and his visit has this gracious word about him:

"They who know the Bishop of London best see him not as strictly or dogmatically, but as a man of great gentleness and to them the impression of his goodness is so supreme as to compel constant recognition and to relegate all other characteristics to the background. While he is with us we feel that the diocese is ruled in righteousness and inviolated with the security of peace. As we lend him to us, we wish him Godspeed, and we shall welcome him back with hearty thanksgiving."

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

A special meeting of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Missionary Union will be held in the New York Avenue Church Monday evening at 8 o'clock. While the programme is one which will be of interest to Christian Endeavorers generally, and they are cordially invited to attend, it will be one of particular interest to all Presbyterian Christian Endeavorers. Mr. von Oden Vogt, of New York, secretary of the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church, has just been among the Indian missions of his denomination in Arizona, and will talk on the subject of home missions.

Mr. S. W. Woodward, of this city, who recently spent several weeks in Asia as a member of the executive committee of the layman's missionary movement, will be present and speak regarding foreign missions. Rev. Charles Alvin Smith, pastor of Peak Memorial Church, and president of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Missionary Union, will preside over the meeting.

The Keller Memorial Lutheran Christian Endeavor Society had charge of the meeting at the Central Union Mission Monday evening. Mr. A. W. Cummings was the leader, and Rev. C. H. Butler made an address. Several numbers of special music were rendered by Mr. W. O. Little, Miss Florence Little, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cummings. Dr. H. H. Seltzer and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bowler were also present.

The president of the District Christian Endeavor Union has made a set of lantern slides to illustrate the trip to the Seattle convention. They were shown at the quarterly meeting of the Baltimore Christian Endeavor Union.

Miss Minnie Schmidt, one of the Washington delegates to the Seattle convention, is to give a report at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of Northminster Church to-morrow evening.

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Rev. Forest J. Prettyman, of Baltimore, to Preach Dedication Sermon Sunday Morning—Rapid Growth of Congregation Due to Efforts of Pastor, Rev. W. B. Ballengee.

With appropriate ceremonies the new Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church South will be opened to-morrow morning. The new church, an architectural gem, is situated in Q street near Thirty-first northwest, and as it stands to-day the structure represents a vast amount of energy and labor on the part of its well-known pastor, Rev. W. B. Ballengee.

At 10 a. m. the Sunday school will be opened for reorganization and enrollment of new pupils, and an hour later the Sunday service will be conducted and a sermon preached by Rev. Forest J. Prettyman, of Trinity Station, Baltimore.

At 3:30 P. M. Registrar, presiding elder of the Washington district, will preach, while at 8 p. m. Rev. Mr. Prettyman will again ascend the pulpit. On each evening of the ensuing week preaching services will be held in the auditorium by Rev. Mr. Prettyman and other ministers.

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## GREECE MAY SEND MINISTER.

King Considering Appointment of a Representative to This City.

It is believed that the incoming flow of Greek immigration into the United States and the increase in the export and import trade between this country and Greece have moved the King of Greece to consider the question of appointing a representative at Washington, as an ambassador.

The diplomatic business between America and Greece, though of inconsiderable importance, has for the last ten years always been satisfactorily directed by the State Department and Mr. Belassi, the Greek consul general at New York. America has always been represented at Athens by a minister, the incumbent being John R. Jackson, who also is diplomatic agent for Bulgaria. Greece has only had two regularly accredited ministers to Washington—Alexandros Rizo Rangabos, who came here in 1887 and remained two years, and Jean Genadinos, who arrived in 1885 and stayed but a short time.

The completion of the government pier has added immensely to the attractiveness of the Jamestown Exposition. This structure consists of two platforms extending for about 1,800 feet to Hampton Roads, and connected at their extremities by a great arch of concrete. The pier is lavishly and brightly lighted at night, and the numerous lights emanating from it soon to be forgotten. The Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company is carrying thousands with satisfaction and comfort.

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The big crowds that are leaving Chesapeake Junction every day are bound for Chesapeake Beach, and they are attracted to the resort because of the excellent fishing. The extended pier, nearly a mile long, is an ideal place for the angler who likes to fish from a boat.

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South of Point Conception, on the coast of California, a range of mountains follows the line of the shore a little way, and then off to the east, inland from the ocean, meets another link in a mountain chain that, with other ranges curving to the south, forms a circular mountain wall with its ends neighboring the Pacific. Rugged, steep, and high in the interior, and reaching its climax in the snow-capped peaks a hundred miles, perhaps, to the west and north, this range of mountains is irregular, broken, and twisted; here venturous mountain spurs make broad on the valley; here the rugged craggy crannies on the domains of the hills with their valleys and narrow passes. High ridges sink into lower slopes where ravines lie, and at measured intervals the sentinel peaks of Mount Pinos, Mount Wilson, Mount San Antonio, Strawberry Peak, Mount San Bernardino, Mount San Geronimo, and Mount San Jacinto stand out. The Washington-San Bernardino is now running through excursion, without change, to the above country, of which full information will be given at their offices, 715 Fifteenth street and 511 Pennsylvania avenue.

Last Sunday the steamer Charles Macalester made a forty-mile trip down the Potomac and return, which was largely patronized and much enjoyed. This trip will be repeated tomorrow, and a much larger crowd is expected to take the sail of eighty miles, giving all an opportunity to view the scenery along the river, which is most beautiful at this time of the year. The steamer will leave Seventh street wharf to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and returning, reach at about 7:30 p. m. Meals, lunches, and refreshments can be had on the steamer at this wharf.

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